

## Governor Don Siegelman visits Elba



Governor Don Siegelman with Geneva Mayor Warren Beck (l) and Elba Mayor James Grimes (r).



Gov. Siegelman enjoys the day's entertainment.



Senator Jimmy Holley, Mary Holley, Dale Moseley and Gov. Siegelman enjoy their meal together.

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Gov. Siegelman poses for a picture with the staff of The Ranch House Cafeteria. The Ranch House catered the barbecue meal which was served during the Governor's visit to Elba last Thursday.

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## Dorsey auction date set for June 1st

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. is slowly moving forward to clear the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, sell the assets, and thus give local workers an opportunity to return to work.

The latest order from the court, in Chapter 11 Case No. 00-06792-WRS, concerning Dorsey Trailers, Inc., Debtor and Debtor in Possession, was issued following an April 26th hearing in which the court set out the procedures for a June 1st AUCTION to be held in Bankruptcy Court, Courtroom #1, Montgomery, AL at 10:00 a.m. The notice indicates, "The Sale hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice, other than by announcement of said adjournment at the Sale Hearing, or at any adjournments thereof."

Any person or group wishing to bid on the company assets at this June 1st event may do so by following the required bidding procedures as set out by the

court. For any competing bid to be considered it must exceed the existing bid of Acquisition Co.'s purchase price by no less than \$255,000.00.

Any such bid must be for all

the assets in a single

lot, and

be on substantially the

same terms and conditions

as those in the Agreement.

Plans for such competing bids must be submitted to the court, the company and several other legal representatives of financially interested parties. Such bids must conform with guidelines of the court and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 29, 2001. A deposit of \$200,000.00 must accompany the bid. Bids received must remain open and irrevocable through June 22nd, plus duration of any adjournments thereof."

If no competing bid notice is served and filed in compliance with the order, there will be no auction and the court will be petitioned to accept the agreement already reviewed and recommended by the company.

The latest order spells out that the sale will transfer company assets free and clear of all claims, including wage and benefit obligations, federal and state environmental protection, environmental protection agreements, product warranties, collective bargaining agreements, etc.

Objections to the sale motion

must be made in writing and

must also be filed by the May 29th 4:00 p.m. deadline.

## Coffee County's first Amendment One funded bridge nearing completion

Coffee County is nearing completion of the first of two bridges funded through proceeds made available by the passage of Amendment One.

Governor Siegelman called for a special bridge letting in December 2000 to let to contract the first four projects funded under Amendment 1. Two of these projects were located in Chambers County, and two were in

Chambers County.

Murphy Bridge Inc. of Troy, Ala. was awarded the low bid to construct the two bridges in Coffee County, both located on Co. Rd. 308, at an estimated cost of \$730,000. Construction of the first bridge is 95 percent complete and should be finished by May 10, 2001 (TODAY). Demolition has begun on the second bridge with an estimated completion date of August 1, 2001.

Amendment 1 provides matching funds to be used with federal bridge funds to replace structurally deficient county bridges across Alabama. The majority of the counties in Alabama, including Coffee County, received a base amount of \$3,250,000. A statewide priority system was established whereby counties must first replace bridges which were unsafe for school buses to cross. Next, the counties must replace all remaining structurally deficient bridges. Finally, if any money was left, the county

could use the balance for resurfacing.

Currently, Coffee County is the only county to have started work to use this Amendment 1 money for resurfacing. In fact, Coffee County let to contract the first resurfacing project, using

Amendment 1 money on April 27, 2001. This project will resurface Co. Rd. 111 and a portion of Co. Rd. 110.

"Coffee County has always been a leader in every aspect of county government," says Linda Westbrook, chairperson of the Coffee County Commission.

"We are proud of the fact that Coffee County was the first to have bridges under contract under Amendment 1, the first to completely replace all structurally deficient bridges, and the first to use Amendment 1 money for resurfacing," County Engineer Randy Tindell adds.

It is the thinking of the council that the old Junior Food Store

might be suited for this purpose.

John Tallas, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, assisted in preparing the grant application.

The \$1.5 million grant is for \$30,000 with the general public being \$22,500 and the town supplying \$7,500 in matching funds.

The matching portion of the grant can include in-kind services provided by the town.

No date was given as to when notification - pro or con - will be

given on the grant application.

The mayor noted that the application for the law enforcement grant for cars, equipment, etc. had been postponed until September. When asked why by one member of the council, Cole responded, "There is no money there."

Major Charles Cole, after noting that all members of the council were present, informed the council that the proper paperwork had been submitted in hopes of obtaining a grant from the federal government to construct a community shelter.

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"If things get much better, I may have to hire someone to help me enjoy it."*

The Alabama Senate passed their dog track bill (SB261) last week after a couple of days of heated debate. Now it is on the fast track in the Alabama House, with hearings set for Tuesday of this week and assumably a vote Wednesday or Thursday (today). You can listen, and believe, all the hype you hear about "stopping gambling" "getting it under control", "protecting our children" etc. you want to, but in this corner that is all just a poor disguise for dumping more money into the pockets of the dog track owners. Of course they deserve it... just ask them, their lobbyists or those benefiting financially from the lobbying efforts of the dog track folks. As presently worded the bill will limit arcades to only four machines each, paying off in merchandise certificates of \$5 or less. The bill will allow the dog tracks an unlimited number of machines and no payoff limits. It is amazing that the legislature would even consider such a bill in view of the recent Alabama Supreme Court ruling that any such machine is illegal. If Alabama abides by the court ruling, to legalize any such machines would take a vote of the people on a constitutional amendment changing the existing constitution.

More times than we can count or even want to know, shocking news arrives about an unexpected death of some friend or family member. This past weekend we got two more of those bits of sad news. First Johnny Martin died suddenly Saturday night while at his lake cottage with some friends. Then 19-year-old David Wayne Stambaugh, of Montgomery, died Sunday afternoon in a fiery crash with an 18 wheeler on Interstate 85 between Montgomery and Auburn. We didn't know the young man personally, but his mother, the former Janet Daniels, graced us with her presence and bubbly smile here at the newspaper for a while when she was about that age... and that only seems like yesterday.

It is often said around here that once our understanding of computers reaches the point of "mastering" or just understanding them our talents will be off doing something like running the world and not butting our heads against the wall in a weekly newspaper office. Monday evening it was very apparent that such time has not yet arrived. A computer lock-up or "crash" happened during the routine transfer of an ad from last week's paper to a neighboring newspaper. Three and a half hours later (at 9 p.m.) the "S" & @ machine was back to something partially resembling its old self. "Old" is a relative term as the computer is less than a year old. However this fix was a temporary patch and no one will be surprised if the baling wire it is patched with "breaks" at any time. Actually there is no real old fashioned baling wire in the computer, but three or four offending operating system extensions, buried in the depths of a folder in a folder somewhere in the system folder are now turned off (or disabled may be the correct cyberspace term). If any one of them is suddenly needed to continue operating the bits and bytes... someone (like yours truly) is in bad trouble even trying to ever again find the location of said disabled extensions.

It is a bit shocking to realize that it is already well into the month of May. In a few more blinks of your eyes the year 2001 will be half gone! Of course in the eyes of a small child that means it is fast getting time to start letting Christmas wishes be known. Time, like beauty, is all the eyes of the beholder, but when there is as much gray in a person's hair as is in that of this country publisher, Christmas gifts are not foremost in a person's mind. Our wish is for time to slow down and our prayers are words of *Thanks* for giving us another beautiful day and more time to appreciate that very gift of life.

The day is not the only time which is beautiful. Were you lucky enough to gaze at the beauty of the night this week in the streaming moonlight?

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of April 30, 2001, through May 3, 2001. They were: Gladys Barefoot, Joyce Johnson, Charlotte Blackmon, Pauline Wood, Mary Mack, Diana Reynolds, Jimmy Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Mary Mack, Diana Reynolds, Deanna Harbuck, Lena Rushing, Ennis Odon, Betty Goodwin, Ida Mae Hooks, James Faircloth, Jack Maddox, Patricia Brooks, Mary Crandall, Eric Crook, Hazel Clark, Freddy Rodriguez, Rhonda Johnson, and Rhonda Johnson.

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## From The U. S. House of Representatives

by Congressman Terry Everett

## MARKING 100 DAYS OF THE BUSH WHITE HOUSE

Sunday marked a milestone in the new presidency of George W. Bush.

April 29 was the 100th day of the Bush White House. As a result, Washington is filled with talk about the performance of the new President.

Ironically, Washington press is complaining about the "dullness" of the new President, while ignoring its productive record.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Gospel Singing scheduled at Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church, Bramley, will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday, May 12, beginning at 7 p.m. The featured group will be the choir from St. Matthew's Church, also of Bramley. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Annual Appreciation event for Bro. Marcus Reese to be held

The Annual Appreciation for Bro. Marcus Reese will be held Saturday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Harris Temple COGIC at 747 Adams St. Elba.

This event will mark the

## Gospel Singing planned at House of Prayer Worship Center

There will be a Gospel Singing held Saturday, May 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the House of Prayer Worship Center.

## Mother & Daughter Prayer Breakfast being held at Johns Chapel A.M.E.

A Mother and Daughter Prayer Breakfast will be held at Johns Chapel A.M.E. on Saturday, May 12, at 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Colleen Gordon will be the guest speaker. A donation of \$3 is required.

## NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

CRAIG L. SPENCER

Army Pfc. Craig L. Spencer has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

**Loan officer.**  
Secretary.  
**Doctor.**  
**Chef.**  
**Psychologist.**  
**Popcorn maker.**

One woman. Dozens of hats. She's awesome.  
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**ROUND AND ABOUT  
WITH ERIA  
897-2006**

Scripture: Revelation 7:1-17

Thinking of you. Praying for you. The Caldwells, Wilkerson, Sherrill, Reynolds and Warren families. Mattie Belcher, Robert Belcher, Faye Manning, Mary Alice Blue, Johnnie M. Daniels, Loraine Henry, Leila Tyson, Martha Dunlap, Adam Dunlap, Anna May Birthdays - May: Nell Prince, May 8; Milton E. Belcher, May 10; Ernestine Williams, May 26; Estella Clegg, May 29; Tiffney Kettley, May 9.

Everyone is invited to this service of praise to the Lord.

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## Homecoming celebration March 20 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Missions Crossroads) will hold Homecoming services on Sunday, May 20. Rev. Hubert McWaters will be the speaker. There will be special music, and lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Southeast District State Convention planned May 14-17 in Dothan

The Southeast District State Convention will be held May 14-17 at the North Highland Missionary Baptist Church, Dothan. President A.L. Folmar encourages all Laymen to attend the entire session.

The Laymen Auxiliary will open the convention on Monday.

**Traveling Stars** from Opp. \*\*\*131st Church Anniversary of Shady Grove AME Church, County Rd. 345, Elba, will be Sunday, May 27, at 3 p.m. The sermon will be given by Rev. Joyce Belcher Johnson, assistant pastor of Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, Leighton, Ala.

May Birthdays - May: Nell Prince, May 8; Milton E. Belcher, May 10; Ernestine Williams, May 26; Estella Clegg, May 29; Tiffney Kettley, May 9.

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# SPORTS

Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

One little kidding from my friends last week about turning 48, and while it is true you are only as old as you feel, I am afraid next week I might be feeling quite a bit older when one of my girls graduates from high school and the other walks across the stage to graduate from elementary school. I understand that things change and our kids all have to one day get on their own. However, at the Mularz house there is one guy named Daddy that is wanting time to slow down, at least a little.

### HITS AND MISSES...

The Elba Tiger golf team placed second last week at the Class 3A, Section 1 qualifying tournament in Montgomery and by doing so, got a spot in next week's state tournament, in Prattville. Justin Allen was the individual champion with a 70, and the team score of 30-30 wins and 12 losses.

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and 13-0, while the losses came to New Brockton 7-3 and 18-13.

Following are highlights of last week's high school softball

### Sweep past Luverne and Brantley

## Lady Tigers improve record to 30-14

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Lady Tigers took the field for six games last week and claimed four wins to improve their record for the season to 30 wins and 14 losses.

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### ELBA 7

#### LUVERNE 3

The Elba Lady Tigers jumped ahead 7-2 in the second inning and held on to defeat Luverne 7-3, last Monday afternoon in Elba. Luverne grabbed a quick 1-lead in the top of the first, but a one-out double by Melissa Mularz, and Aubretha Williams and Aubretha Williams to make it 2-1. The Lady Tigers won the win in the bag in the fourth inning as they erupted for 9 runs, with a key hit being a bases-loaded triple by Casey Skinner, Melissa Mularz, Rachel Blundsworth, Aubretha Williams and Melissa Kelley all got 2 hits for the Lady Tigers.

### ELBA 7

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The Elba Lady Tigers hosted New Brockton last Tuesday afternoon and saw a late rally fall far short in a 7-3 loss. The Lady Tigers were 7-0 after five runs and failed to put together enough offense to stage a rally. The win, Samantha Williams got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Melissa Mularz and Aubretha Williams added 2 hits for Elba, which committed nine

errors in the loss.

### ELBA 14

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The Elba Lady Tigers completed the two-game sweep with a 14-3 win over Luverne. Elba fell behind early and then saw a late rally fall short as they dropped the second game of the double-header 18-3, last Tuesday afternoon. The Lady Tigers won the win in the bag in the fourth inning as they erupted for 9 runs, with a key hit being a bases-loaded triple by Casey Skinner, Melissa Mularz, Rachel Blundsworth, Aubretha Williams and Melissa Kelley all got 2 hits for the Lady Tigers.

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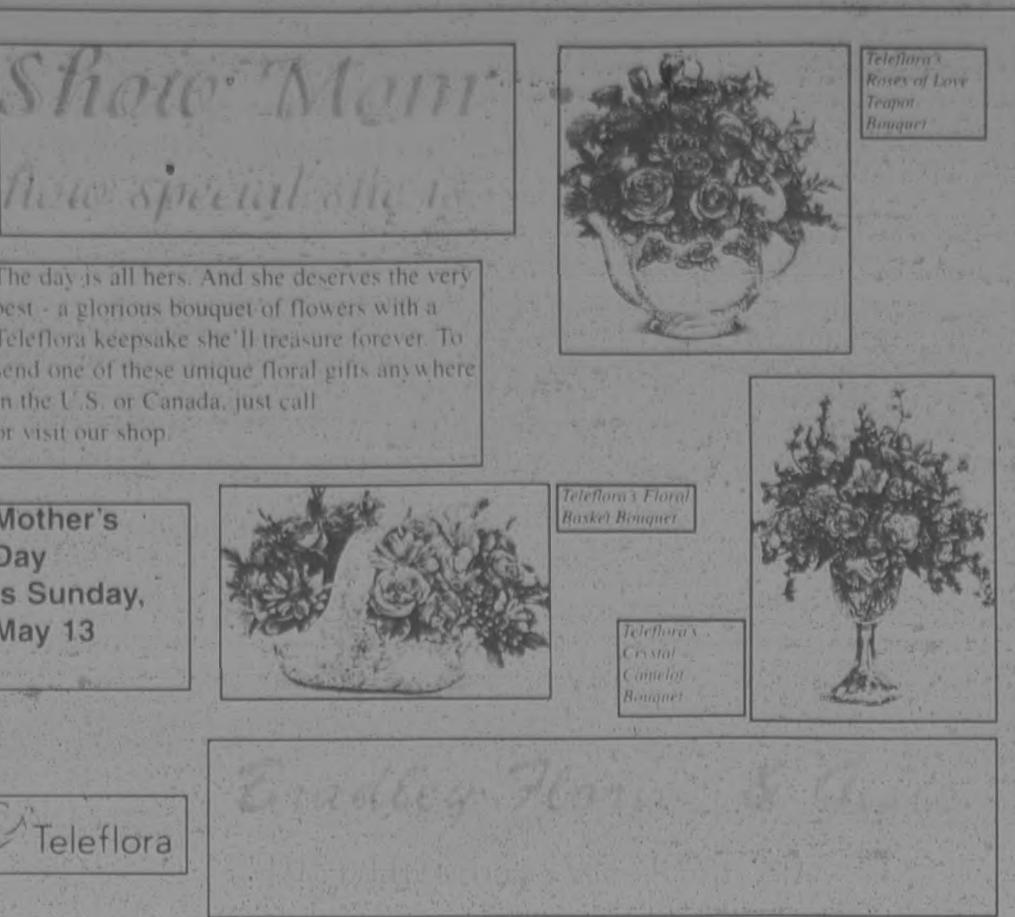
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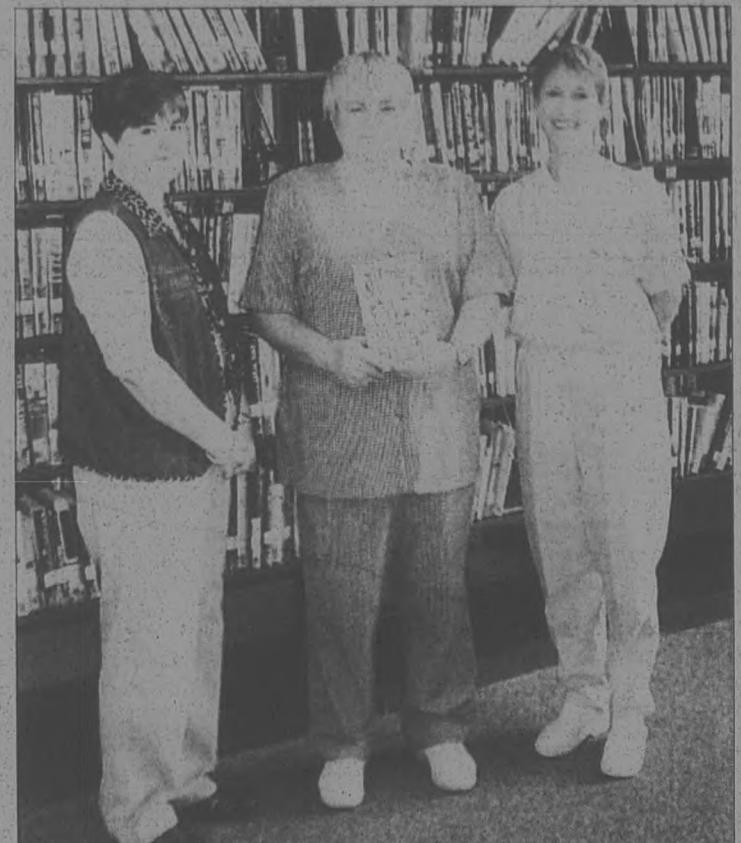
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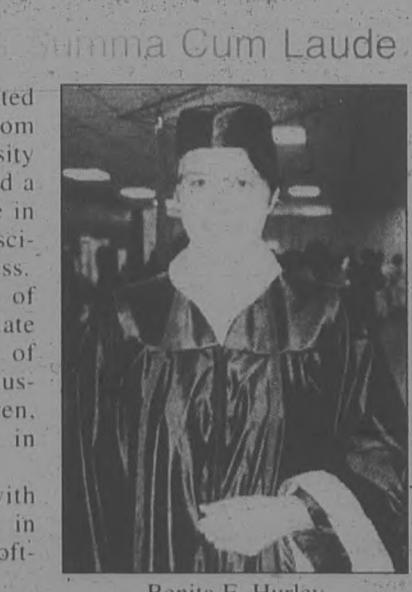
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The Pampered Chef, Ltd. joining fight against cancer

Breast cancer affects the lives of families every day. This year, approximately 182,800 cases will be diagnosed and about 40,800 women will die of the disease. According to the American Cancer Society, early detection is the best protection.

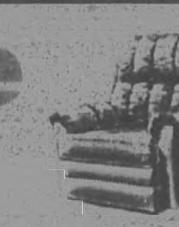
Through its "Help Whip Cancer" corporate-giving campaign, The Pampered Chef, Ltd., a leading seller of high-quality kitchen tools and specialty food items, has partnered with the American Cancer Society nationwide to raise funds for breast cancer early detection and education programs.

At in-home cooking demonstrations throughout the month of May, The Pampered Chef's 60,000+ independent Kitchen Consultants nationwide will encourage guests to purchase a special Adjustable Measuring Spoons Twin Set, featuring pink measurement markings, a pink Twixit! Clip Combo Pack. For each Adjustable Measuring Spoons Twin Set purchased, \$2 will go directly to the American Cancer Society's breast cancer early detection and education programs. And for each pink Twixit! Clip Combo Pack purchased, \$1 will be donated to the American Cancer Society's breast cancer early detection campaign.

For more information about how to "Help Whip Cancer" in May, by purchasing Twixit! Clips, the Adjustable Measuring Spoons Twin Set and/or hosting a Kitchen Show Fundraiser, please call the local independent Kitchen Consultant for the Pampered Chef, Ltd., Jan Murray at (334) 897-6962.

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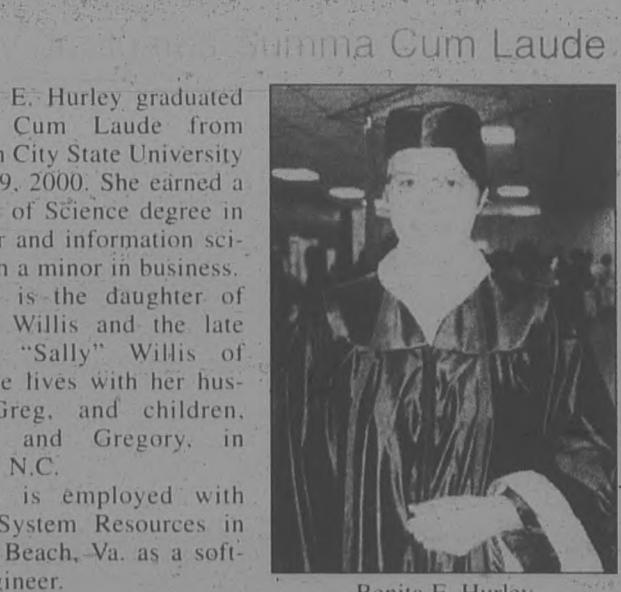
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Help Whip Cancer Kitchen Show Fund-raisers held in May can be designated to benefit the American Cancer Society. A percentage of total sales are donated directly to the organization's breast cancer early detection and education programs. Last year, The Pampered Chef donated over \$400,000 to the American Cancer Society through its "Help Whip Cancer" campaign.

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## Commission deals with bids &amp; jail

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting in its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting Monday morning wasted little time in moving through its agenda and signing bills.

Most of the meeting was consumed with the opening and awarding of bids dealing with the courthouse, extension office and the highway department.

The bid for the cleaning of the Enterprise Courthouse was awarded to Southern Management Company of Dothan. The firm submitted a low bid of \$26,340. Two other bids submitted from an Opp firm and another Dothan firm were \$26,400 and \$26,520 respectively. A fourth cleaning firm located in Andalusia submitted a bid of \$34,385.

The employees who work in the County Extension Service office in New Brockton will now be able to do so in comfort. The commission had voted in an earlier meeting to replace the heating and cooling unit for that facility and Monday's meeting saw that come to pass. Snellgrove-Caylor Heating & Cooling of Level Plains was the low bidder for supplying and installing a new heat pump. Their bid was \$6,550. Other bids ranged from \$6,950 to \$7,950 with only one firm "offering a trade-in allowance of \$100 for the old unit."

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